

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION/DIVISIONAL**  
**APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)**

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Customer No. **2 1 8 3 9**

Sir:

This is a request for filing a [ ] continuation [X] divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending Application No. 10/103,837 filed on March 25, 2002, for METHOD FOR PREPARING A SILICA SUSPENSION IN A VULCANISABLE SILICON MATRIX TO FORM ELASTOMERS, by the following named inventor(s):

31108 U.S. PTO  
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- [ ] Applicant(s) hereby requests that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
- [X] The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- [ ] This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.

(a) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

- [ ] This application is being filed by more than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(5), a new oath or declaration is enclosed, and the Commissioner is requested to add the name(s) of the following person or persons who are inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.

(a) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

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- [ ] Applicant(s) suggests Figure \_ for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and/or patent.
- [X] Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: Rhodia Chimie, 25, quai Paul Doumer, F-92408 Courbevoie, FR.
1. [X] Enclosed is a copy of the prior Application No. 10/103,837 as originally filed on 3-25-02, including copies of the specification, claims, drawings and the executed oath or declaration as filed.
  2. [ ] Enclosed is a revised prior application and a copy of the prior executed oath or declaration as filed. No new matter has been added to the revised application.
  3. [ ] Small entity status is hereby claimed.
  4. [X] The filing fee is calculated below [X] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$770.00 (1001)
Total Claims	23	MINUS 20 =	3	× \$18.00 (1202) =	54.00
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$86.00 (1201) =	--
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$290.00 (1203)					
Total Application Fee					824.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Assignment Recording Fee of \$ <u>\$40.00 (8021)</u> if Assignment document is enclosed					
<b>TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE</b>					<b>824.00</b>

5. [ ] This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
6. [ ] Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
7. [X] A check in the amount of \$ 824.00 is enclosed for the fee due.
8. [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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9.  Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
10.  New drawings are enclosed.
11.  Priority of Application No. 97/08171 filed on June 24, 1997 in France (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- The certified copy of the priority application  
 is enclosed.
- was filed during the National stage in prior Application No. 09/446,676, filed on March 24, 2000, and acknowledged by the Examiner on January 19, 2001 in Paper No. 7.
- has not yet been filed.
12.  A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
13.  An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
14.  A General Authorization for Payment of Fees and Petitions for Extensions of Time is enclosed.
15.  Also enclosed \_\_\_\_\_.
16.  The power of attorney in the prior application is to Norman H. Stepno.  
a.  The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.  
b.  Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.  
c.  Recognize as Associate Attorney \_\_\_\_\_.  
d.  Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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IN THE MATTER OF an Australian  
Application corresponding to  
PCT Application PCT/FR98/01319

I, Roger Walter GRAY MA, DPhil, CPhys,  
c/o Europa House, Marsham Way, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, England, do solemnly  
and sincerely declare that I am conversant with the English and French languages and am a  
competent translator thereof, and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the following is  
a true and correct translation of the PCT Application filed under No. PCT/FR98/01319.

Date: 1 December 1999

R. W. GRAY  
For and on behalf of RWS Group plc